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For: A METHOD OF	)	
MANUFACTURING A RIGID	)	
INTERNAL GEAR OF A WAVE	)	
GEAR DEVICE	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please enter the following amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-7 and 15-18.

Please amend claims 12, 13, and 14 as follows:

12. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a rigid internal gear according to Claim 8, wherein an inner circumferential surface of the main gear ring is tapered, an outer circumferential surface of the tooth-forming ring is tapered so that the tooth-forming ring can be pressed into the tapered inner circumferential surface of the main gear ring, and